

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): P. Bonutti Confirmation No. 7916  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING  
TISSUE Examiner: Diane D. Yabut

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.